

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YVONNE B. BURKE AND
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Last year, the Board allocated funds to the Sheriff's Department for utilization in the suppression of gang crime in the unincorporated areas of the County. Since December 2003, the Sheriff has deployed suppression teams, known as the Community Impact Teams (CIT), comprised of personnel from Operations Bureau and Safe Streets Bureau to focus on the areas of the unincorporated County that have suffered the largest increase in gang violence.

In addition to targeting the most violent gangs and gang members as identified by Safe Streets Bureau, the teams worked with various County agencies such as the Fire Department, Regional Planning, Public Works, Probation, and the Department of Children and Family Services to provide abatement action in a multi-disciplinary approach to crime prevention and suppression.

Since its inception, the Sheriff's Department has provided the following arrest statistics attributed to the CITs:

Felonies:	1,415
Misdemeanors:	2,050
Weapons Laws:	167
Citations:	1,929
Field Interview Reports:	2,064

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We believe that the results speak for themselves, and our neighborhoods have experienced a decrease in crime and violence in the areas where the CITs have focused.

The Community Oriented Policing (COPS) teams have worked closely with the CITs by working closely with the community to identify and target long-standing problems in the unincorporated areas. COPS teams have developed specific enforcement and maintenance strategies for problems such as narcotics use and sale, illegal vending, prostitution, liquor law violations, and assaults. Continued funding of COPS deputies is a necessary component to an overall, effective solution to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our unincorporated areas within the County.

THEREFORE, WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to fund the Community Impact and the COPS Teams and to allocate \$5,000,000 from the PFU to the Sheriff's Department;

Request the Sheriff to continue providing the Board of Supervisors with the monthly CIT and COPS teams' activity reports.

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YBB:RT:njr (6-21-04 CIT motion)